

YPSILANTI

Store owners say ICE took customer

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Rumored sightings of ICE agents at Ypsilanti's Dos Hermanos Market have circulated over the years, owners Nicolas and Reyes Arreola said, adding those claims posted on social media had always been false.

That changed Sunday afternoon when they saw a customer taken by ICE agents in the store's parking lot.

The Arreola brothers said they observed ICE agents outside the grocery store on West Michigan Avenue around 12:30 p.m. Sunday. Three people in a minivan pulled into the parking lot and ICE officials had followed them there, the owners said.

They took one man — a regular customer of Dos Hermanos — out of the vehicle and drove off with him, according to Nicolas and Reyes. They left the other two people in the minivan behind, the owners said.

No ICE officials entered the store, and the agents left after roughly 30 minutes, according to Nicolas and Reyes. ICE officials did not immediately respond for comment.

The incident is sad and hurtful to their business, Reyes said. "I agree with a lot of people," Reyes said. "If you're a criminal, I'm happy to, every day, send them back. But they're not criminals. Most of the people — they are just hard workers and they just want to support their families."

Nicolas went live on his Facebook account around 1:30 p.m. that day to inform the community. He explained the incident and emphasized that ICE agents were already gone. Nicolas said misinformation around the incident was already spreading.

The incident was the first time ICE agents had come to the store, the owners said, despite countless reports in years past.